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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

ANGELITA GOMEZ, individually, and on  
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PEROT SYSTEMS CORPORATION, a  
Delaware Corporation; and DOES 1 to 50,

Defendants.

Case No. CV 08-03337-SC

**DECLARATION OF CHRISTIAN  
SCHREIBER IN SUPPORT OF  
PLAINTIFF'S ADMINISTRATIVE  
MOTION TO CONSIDER WHETHER  
CASES SHOULD BE RELATED**

*Mancera v. Perot Systems Corporation*  
Case No. CV 08-03064-RS

*Gomez v. Perot Systems Corporation*  
Case No. CV 08-03337-SC

1 I, Christian Schreiber, declare:

2 1. The facts contained within this Declaration are within my own personal knowledge. I  
3 could and would testify to those facts if called as a witness in this case.

4 2. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Administrative Motion to Consider  
5 Whether Cases Should Be Related.

6 3. Based on the facts alleged in the *Mancera* and *Gomez* Complaints, the underlying  
7 wage and hour disputes at issue in the cases of *Mancera v. Perot Systems Corp.*, CV 08-03064-RS  
8 & *Gomez v. Perot Systems Corp.*, CV 08-03337-SC warrant this motion.

9 4. On August 5, 2008, I spoke with counsel for the Plaintiff in the *Mancera* case. Mr.  
10 Mancera's counsel stipulated to this Motion.

11 5. I have met and conferred with counsel for Defendant regarding this Motion, and  
12 Defendant's counsel has stated Defendant has no opposition to this Motion. Defendant has  
13 previously attempted to relate the *Mancera* and *Gomez* matters to a third case, *Jimenez v. Perot*  
14 *Systems Corporation*, which was then the earliest-filed case in the Northern District. However,  
15 Judge Chesney remanded *Jimenez* on July 28, 2008 and therefore denied Defendant's Motion the  
16 same day "in light of the remand of the earliest-filed action..." A true and correct copy of  
17 Defendant's previous Administrative Motion is attached as Exhibit A. A true and correct copy of  
18 Judge Chesney's Order denying Defendant's Administrative Motion is attached as Exhibit B.

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20 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of  
21 California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 5, 2008 in San Francisco,  
22 California.

23 Respectfully submitted,

SCHNEIDER WALLACE  
COTTRELL BRAYTON  
KONECKY LLP

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25 \_\_\_\_\_/s/  
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## **Exhibit A**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GLORIA JIMENEZ, individually, and on behalf  
of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

PEROT SYSTEMS CORPORATION, a  
Delaware Corporation; and DOES 1 to 50,

Defendants.

Case No.: CV 08-2607 MMC

**DEFENDANT PEROT SYSTEMS  
CORPORATION'S ADMINISTRATIVE  
MOTION TO RELATE CASES**

Department: 7  
Judge: Hon. Maxine M. Chesney

Complaint Filed: 7/12/07

**RELATED CASES:**

*Mancera v. Perot Systems Corporation*,  
Case No. CV 08-03064-MHP

*Gomez v. Perot Systems Corporation*,  
Case No. CV 08-03337-SC

**E-FILED**

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO RELATE CASES**

TO THE PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant Perot Systems Corporation ("Perot Systems") will move the Honorable Maxine M. Chesney, Judge of the United States District Court, Northern District of California, pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-12(b), to determine whether this case should be related to *Mancera v. Perot Systems Corporation* (removed to this district on June 24, 2008 and designated as Case No. CV 08 3064 MHP) and *Gomez v. Perot Systems Corporation* (removed to this district court on July 10, 2008 and designated as Case No. CV 08 03337 SC). Pursuant to Northern District Court Local Rule 7-11(b), any opposition to this administrative

1 motion is due three days after this administrative motion is filed. Under Local Rule 7-11(c),  
 2 unless otherwise ordered by the Court, this administrative motion will be deemed submitted for  
 3 immediate determination without hearing on the day after the opposition is due.

4 Plaintiff contests federal jurisdiction in the Jimenez case. Plaintiff will stipulate to the  
 5 relation suggested herein only in the event that this Court retains jurisdiction in the Jimenez  
 6 matter after Plaintiff's Motion to Remand is decided. Defendant believes the Jimenez action was  
 7 properly removed, and therefore believes there is no need to wait to relate the matters.

8 Because Jimenez and Gomez's counsel has not agreed to an unconditional stipulation to  
 9 the motion, Defendant submits this as an unstipulated administrative motion.

10 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF**  
 11 **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO RELATE CASES**

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 13 **I. LEGAL STANDARD**

14 Under Civil Local Rule 3-12(a), an action is related to another when:

- 15 (1) The actions concern substantially the same parties, property,  
 transaction or event; and  
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 17 (2) It appears likely that there will be an unduly burdensome  
 duplication of labor and expense or conflicting results if the  
 18 cases are conducted before different Judges.

19 **II. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

20 **The Jimenez Complaint**

21 On July 12, 2007, Plaintiff Gloria Jimenez, on behalf of herself and a putative class, filed  
 22 a class action complaint in Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. RC 07-335321 (the  
 23 "Jimenez Action"). The Jimenez Action alleges Perot Systems: (i) failed to pay overtime;  
 24 (ii) failed to pay accrued vacation to departing employees; (iii) failed to provide itemized wage  
 25 statements; and (iv) engaged in unlawful business practices. The complaint seeks injunctive and  
 26 declaratory relief. (Declaration of Timothy C. Travelstead ("Travelstead Dec.") ¶ 3, Ex. A.) The  
 27 complaint seeks to certify a class that includes "all current and former Data Center  
 28 Operations/Technicians and other non-exempt employees of Perot Systems Corporation in

California, who at any time in the four years preceding the filing of this action” worked an alternate work schedule or who received certain shift differential or “Benefit Bridge” payments Plaintiff alleges were improperly excluded from the calculation of overtime.

On July 16, 2007, Plaintiff served Perot Systems with the Summons and Complaint. (Id.) On May 23, 2008, Perot Systems removed the action to the Northern District of California, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sections 1332 (as amended by the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-2, section 4(a) (“CAFA”)), 1441(a) and (b) and 1446. (Travelstead Dec., ¶ 4, Ex. B.) On June 18, 2008, Jimenez moved this Court to remand the action. The remand motion is currently pending before the Court.

### **The Mancera Complaint**

On April 29, 2008, Raul Mancera filed a complaint in the Santa Cruz County Superior Court, designated as Case No. CV160155 (the “Mancera Action”). The Mancera Action alleges Perot Systems: (i) failed to pay wages; (ii) failed to pay overtime; (iii) owes waiting time penalties; and (iv) retaliated against Mr. Mancera when he raised an issue about unpaid wages. (Travelstead Dec., ¶ 5, Ex. C.) Mr. Mancera received “Benefit Bridge” payments and therefore is likely a putative class member in the Jimenez Action. (Id.)

On May 27, 2008, Mancera served Perot Systems with the Summons and Complaint. (Id.) On June 24, 2008, Perot Systems removed the action to the Northern District of California, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sections 1332, 1441, and 1446. (Travelstead Dec. ¶ 6, Ex. D.)

### **The Gomez Complaint**

On May 27, 2008, Angelita Gomez, on behalf of herself and a putative class, filed a class action complaint in Alameda County Superior Court, designated as Case No. RG 08389410 (the “Gomez Action”). The Gomez Action alleges Perot Systems: (i) failed to pay wages; (ii) failed to pay overtime; (iii) owes waiting time penalties; (iv) failed to provide itemized wage statements; and (v) engaged in unlawful business practices. The complaint seeks injunctive and declaratory relief. (Travelstead Dec., ¶ 7, Ex. E.) The complaint seeks to certify a class of “all current and

former employees of Perot Systems in California who worked on-call time at any time in the four years preceding the filing of this action.” (Id.)

On June 13, 2008, Gomez served Perot Systems with the Summons and Complaint. The plaintiff in the Gomez Action is represented by the same counsel as the Plaintiff in the Jimenez Action. (Id.) On July 10, 2008, Perot Systems removed the Gomez Action to the Northern District of California, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sections 1332 (as amended by the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-2, section 4(a) (“CAFA”)), 1441(a) and (b) and 1446. (Travelstead Dec., ¶ 8, Ex. F.)

### III. DISCUSSION

#### Relatedness Of Actions

11. The Jimenez Complaint, Mancera Complaint, and Gomez Complaint concern substantially the same parties, property, transactions or events as follows:

- i. Each action alleges wage and hour violations under the California Labor Code, including claims for wages, overtime, and waiting-time penalties;
- ii. Perot Systems is the only named Defendant in each action;
- iii. The putative classes of the Jimenez Action and the Gomez Action substantially overlap. The class periods have more than three years of overlap, and any putative class member in the Gomez Action who worked an alternate work schedule, received a shift differential payment, or received a “Benefit Bridge” payment would also be a member of the Jimenez Action’s putative class.
- iv. All three actions seek recovery for unpaid wages owed and waiting-time penalties; and
- iv. The plaintiff in the Mancera Action is likely a putative class member of the Jimenez Action.

Litigating these three cases before different Judges would lead to an unnecessary duplication of effort, would unduly burden the parties and the Court, and would create a risk of inconsistent rulings. *McGee v. Ross Stores, Inc.*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 76479 (N.D. Cal. 2007) (two overlapping class actions involving the same defendant and substantially the same claim ordered related).

Here, as in *McGee*, the cases involve a single named defendant, Perot Systems. They involve the same legal and factual issues, whether Perot Systems properly paid wages and overtime to its employees under California law. And they all seek payment of wages due and waiting-time penalties. The Jimenez and Gomez Actions also both seek declaratory and injunctive relief. As in *McGee*, the putative classes largely overlap, as both the Jimenez and Gomez Actions seek damages for allegedly unpaid wages, including overtime claims for more than three overlapping years.

For these reasons, separate assignment raises would lead to an unnecessary duplication of effort, would unduly burden the parties and the Court, and would create a risk of inconsistent rulings.

#### **Stipulation Of The Parties**


Plaintiff Mancera stipulates to the relation of the cases. (Travelstead Dec., ¶ 8.) Plaintiff in the Jimenez Action has contested federal jurisdiction. Plaintiff therefore has indicated she will stipulate to the relation suggested herein only in the event that this Court retains jurisdiction in the Jimenez matter after Plaintiff's Motion to Remand is decided. Because Jimenez and Gomez's counsel has not agreed to an unconditional stipulation to the motion, Defendant submits this as an unstipulated administrative motion. (Travelstead Dec., ¶ 9, Ex. G.)

**WHEREFORE**, the Defendant respectfully requests that the Court issue an order determining that the Jimenez Action, Mancera Action, and Gomez Action are related.

Dated: July 22, 2008

JACKSON LEWIS LLP

By:

  
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a Delaware Corporation



## **Exhibit B**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**RELATED CASE ORDER**

An Order of Referral and an Administrative Motion to Relate Cases have been filed requesting the undersigned determine whether the following cases are related within the meaning of Civil L.R. 3-12(a):

<b>C 08-2607 MMC</b>	<b>Jimenez v. Perot Systems Corp.</b>
<b>C 08-3064 RS</b>	<b>Mancera v. Perot Systems Corp.</b>
<b>C 08-3337 SC</b>	<b>Gomez v. Perot Systems Corp.</b>


**ORDER**

On the basis of the material submitted to the Court, as the Judge assigned to the earliest-filed case, I find that the later-filed cases:

☒ **ARE NOT RELATED** to the earliest-filed case as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a). In particular, in light of the remand of the earliest-filed action, it does not appear likely there will be a duplication of labor and expense or conflicting results if the cases are conducted before different Judges.

☐ **ARE RELATED** as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a).

**DATED:** July 28, 2008

  
MAKINE M. CHESNEY  
United States District Judge